



BY THE
GOVERNOUR AND COMPANY

Of the *MASSACHUSETTS* BAY in *NEW ENGLAND*

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General Court

Held at Boston, on Adjournment, Feb. 16th 1685.

THis Court Considering how apparent the Threatning Hand of God is by reason of the spreading of that Infectious Disease of the Small Pox in some Towns in the Countrey; together with other Evils Impending our Selves and the Churches of Christ abroad; as also the more than ordinary Severity of the Winter, and the loss of many of our Cattle occasioned thereby; Have Appointed the 25th day of March next, to be kept as a day of solemn HUMILIATION and PRAYER throughout this Colony; that we may obtain Favour from God for the diverting these Tokens of his Anger, and his Smiles towards us in the Spring and Seed time approaching: And to this end do Recommend it to the Elders and Ministers of the respective Churches, to promote this Work on the said day; forbidding Servile Labour to all People within this Jurisdiction thereon.

EDWARD RAWSON Secretary